

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-14 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer program operable to control a computer to apply a plurality of anti computer virus tests to a target computer file, said computer program comprising:

(i) a library of anti computer virus test drivers; and

(ii) a test engine operable to apply a plurality of anti computer virus tests to said target computer file as specified by anti computer virus test drivers read from said library; wherein

(~~i~~a) said anti computer virus test drivers within said library have arespective associated classification data relating to priority of use in testing said target computer file; and

(~~ii~~b) said anti computer virus test drivers are applied by said test engine in a variable priority order dependent upon said respective associated classification data whereby, if testing is terminated before completion, then the highest priority tests will have been applied.

2. (currently amended) A computer program product as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said respective associated classification data ~~may specify~~ specifies an anti
computer virus test driver as relating to at least one of:

- (i) a newly released virus;
- (ii) a highly infectious virus;
- (iii) a highly damaging virus;
- (iv) a common virus;
- (v) a test that is quick to perform;
- (vi) an average threat level virus;
- (vii) a rare virus; and
- (viii) a test that is slow to perform.

3. (currently amended) A computer program product as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said variable priority order is also dependent upon a file type of said target
computer file.

4. (currently amended) A computer program product as claimed in claim 1,
wherein a plurality of different anti computer virus programs may trigger testing of said
target computer file and said variable priority order is also dependent upon which anti
computer virus program triggered said testing.

5. (original) A computer program product as claimed in claim 4, wherein said plurality of anti computer virus programs include at least one of:

- (i) an e-mail body scanner;
- (ii) an e-mail attachment scanner;
- (iii) an on-access scanning agent;
- (iv) an on-demand scanner;
- (v) a firewall scanner; and
- (vi) a network server scanner.

6. (currently amended) A method of applying a plurality of anti computer virus tests to a target computer file, said method comprising:

(i) applying a plurality of anti computer virus tests to said target computer file as specified by anti computer virus test drivers read from a library of anti computer virus test drivers; wherein

(i) said anti computer virus test drivers within said library have arespective associated classification data relating to priority of use in testing said target computer file; and

(ii) said anti computer virus test drivers are applied in a variable priority order dependent upon said respective associated classification data whereby, if testing is terminated before completion, then the highest priority tests will have been applied.

7. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said respective associated classification data ~~may specify~~ specifies an anti computer virus test driver as relating to at least one of:

- (i) a newly released virus;
- (ii) a highly infectious virus;
- (iii) a highly damaging virus;
- (iv) a common virus;
- (v) a test that is quick to perform;
- (vi) an average threat level virus;
- (vii) a rare virus; and
- (viii) a test that is slow to perform.

8. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said variable priority order is also dependent upon a file type of said target computer file.

9. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein a plurality of different anti computer virus programs may trigger testing of said target computer file and said variable priority order is also dependent upon which anti computer virus program triggered said testing.

10. (original) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said plurality of anti computer virus programs include at least one of:

- (i) an e-mail body scanner;
- (ii) an e-mail attachment scanner;
- (iii) an on-access scanning agent;
- (iv) an on-demand scanner;
- (v) a firewall scanner; and
- (vi) a network server scanner.

11. (currently amended) Apparatus for applying a plurality of anti computer virus tests to a target computer file, said apparatus comprising:

- (i) a memory operable to store a library of anti computer virus test drivers; and
- (ii) processing circuits operable to serve as a test engine to apply a plurality of anti computer virus tests to said target computer file as specified by anti computer virus test drivers read from said library; wherein

(ia) said anti computer virus test drivers within said library have respective associated classification data relating to priority of use in testing said target computer file; and

(ib) said anti computer virus test drivers are applied by said test engine in a variable priority order dependent upon said respective associated classification data

whereby, if testing is terminated before completion, then the highest priority tests will have been applied.

12. (currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said respective associated classification data ~~may specify~~ specifies an anti computer virus test driver as relating to at least one of:

- (i) a newly released virus;
- (ii) a highly infectious virus;
- (iii) a highly damaging virus;
- (iv) a common virus;
- (v) a test that is quick to perform;
- (vi) an average threat level virus;
- (vii) a rare virus; and
- (viii) a test that is slow to perform.

13. (currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said variable priority order is also dependent upon a file type of said target computer file.

14. (currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein a plurality of different anti computer virus programs may trigger testing of said target computer file

and said variable priority order is also dependent upon which anti computer virus program triggered said testing.

15. (original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said plurality of anti computer virus programs include at least one of:

- (i) an e-mail body scanner;
- (ii) an e-mail attachment scanner;
- (iii) an on-access scanning agent;
- (iv) an on-demand scanner;
- (v) a firewall scanner; and
- (vi) a network server scanner.